

Kent Downs AONB Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

Summary of Approved Applications 2022/2023

Application number	Business Name	Location	Description	FiPL Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost	Start Date	End Date
KD-025-IS	Romshed Farm	Underriver, Sevenoaks	Provision of mobile sheep and cattle handling facilities to graze unmanaged land, bringing back diversity, notably in grassland species.	£7,556	£14,280.10	1/05/2022	31/03/2023
KD-026-IS	Layberry Foundation	Knockholt	Improvements to woodland, meadows and heritage to enable care leavers and other disadvantaged young people to carry out farm based and nature activities as a nature-based therapy.	£54,891.20	£65,763.10	01/07/2022	31/03/2024
KD 028 IS	Wild with Wheels	Folkestone	Provision of guided interactive nature walks for adults and children with disabilities and impairments in a variety of carefully chosen locations through the Kent Downs AONB.	£78,747.45	£78,763.50	01/05/2022	31/03/2024
KD 029 SE	Wye Community Farm	Wye	An education focussed project aimed at increasing access and opportunities for under-represented groups from deprived areas of Kent to Wye Community Farm	£4,702.80	£5,041	1/04/2022	30/06/2022
KD 030 SE	Out to the Woods CIC	Hucking	A forest school initiative, set in semi-ancient woodland, enabling young children, older people and people with mobility issues to improve their mental health and wellbeing by gaining a better connection to nature.	£14,819	£182,91	01/07/2022	01/02/2024
KD 032 SE	Swale Borough Council	Perry Wood	Enabling an archaeological dig to confirm internal features of the Perry Wood Earthwork. Also facilitating learning activities in relation to the history and geology of the site as well as training volunteers in wildlife monitoring of key species.	£7,501	£116,50	01/07/2022	31/10/2023
KD 033 TO	Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership Group (KCC)	East Stour Area	Funding the East Stour Farm Cluster to identify opportunities to protect, restore and improve the environment whilst recognising and initiating sustainable farming principles to secure food and productivity.	£18,585.93	£21,807.93	01/06/2022	31/03/2023
KD 036 TO	Whiteshark Vineyard Heritage Taverns	Hollingbourne	Planting parkland and in-field trees, sowing wildflower meadows around a vineyard and erecting interpretation posts supported by a new environmental management plan and advice.	£9,367.87	£9,367.87	01/08/2022	28/02/2023
KD 037 SE	Tree of Life Veganics	Selling	Improving wildlife habitats and corridors and increasing biodiversity via tree planting, new hedgerows and woodland creation on Tree of Life Veganics, a veganic, agroforestry farm.	£11,045	£11,045	01/11/2022	28/02/2024

KD 038 IS	Bees and Refugees	Oxford	Development of a business plan to establish the necessary steps and costs to restore the farming heritage of The Farm as a community asset and to enable beekeeping as a therapeutic activity for refugees to take place.	£3,496	£3,496	01/09/2022	1/11/2022
KD-039 TO	Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership Group (KCC)	Doddington	Natural flood management consisting of the planting of 1500m of raised hedging at the bottom of the fields to redirect and capture field run off, reducing flood flows and increasing biodiversity.	£19,400	£56,412	01/09/2022	31/03/2023
KD-040-TO	Paddlesworth Farm	Snodland	Purchase and trialling of inter-row mower as part of a strip drill programme to reduce herbicides, manage difficult weeds, establish cover crops within the current crop in April and improve soil management within a regenerative agriculture system.	£15,300	£69,423	01/10/2022	31/03/2024
KD-041-TO	Kent Downs AONB	Boxley SSSI	A landowner partnership involving the creation of new hedgerow and tree habitat, access provision and site protection for the Boxley escarpment. Also included is the widening of the existing farmer group in order to promote co-working and greater conservation benefits in a wider landscape area.	£74,994.05	£95,752.05	01/10/2022	28/02/2024
KD-042-TO	John Andrews	Postling	Landscape connectivity project comprising creation of a dedicated wildlife pond, wetlands, wildflower meadow and hedge and tree planting, providing high value habitat for local wildlife.	£23,321	£32,804.02	01/11/2022	01/04/2024
KD-043-IS	North West Kent Countryside Partnership (KCC)	Darent Valley	Restoration of barn owls in the Darent Valley through landowner engagement, collaboration and citizen science. Installation of nest boxes, ringing of birds.	£9,868.32	£15,060.45	01/11/2022	01/11/2023
KD 044 TO	Wicken Agri	Hastingleigh	Purchase of tractor mounted flail collector to be used for conservation and habitat management tasks undertaken on conservation body/agri environment scheme land.	£4,370	£11,826	01/01/2023	31/01/2023
KD 045 IS	West Kent Partnership, Sevenoaks District Council	Sevenoaks District	Facilitation of 23 secondary school visits to farms, woodlands and country estates in the AONB in order to see and experience the variety of job and career opportunities available in the landscape.	£38,988	£44,488	01/01/2023	29/02/2024
KD 046 IS	Brockhill Country Park	Sandling	Water supply and hedge enhancement to enable grazing, enhance biodiversity and habitat connection and to improve landscape character and cultural richness.	£4450.80	£9250.80	01/12/2022	28/02/2023
KD 047 SE	Kent Wildlife Trust	Dover Downlands	Improvement of chalk downlands and associated biodiversity through new livestock grazing opportunities and scrub control, improving access, education around soil health and the role of dung beetles. Supported by the Kent Chough reintroduction project (Kent Wildlife Trust and Wildwood Trust).	£99,981.95	£158,664.95	01/01/2023	31/03/2024
KD 048 SE	Stockbury Parish Council	Stockbury	Restoration and management of traditional cherry community orchard including planting of 129 replacement fruit trees, gapping up of hedgerows and installation of fencing to protect against livestock. Installation of wildlife boxes and interpretation panel.	£16,696.50	£21,663.50	01/12/2022	28/02/2024

KD 049 TO	Stainton Farms	Hastingleigh	Planting of hedgerow to provide habitat connectivity and encourage establishment of a new Duke of Burgundy butterfly colony.	£4,802.40	£4,802.40	01/12/2022	31/03/2023
KD 050 IS	Kent Downs AONB	County wide	Expanding and enhancing the interactive citizen science project, the Kent LiDAR Portal, to include full available LiDAR coverage for the county, including the entirety of the AONB to inform land management including for heritage purposes, agricultural and other environmental assessments.	£31,440	£62,940	01/02/2023	31/02/2024
KD 051 SE	Conservation Construction	Petham	Reinstatement of boundary fencing and installation of water troughs to facilitate grazing on otherwise unused land. Creation of a wildflower meadow and erection of owl boxes.	£8,286.10	£9,813.10	01/01/2023	30/04/2023
KD 052 TO	Birling Farms	Birling	Development of a landscape regeneration masterplan as part of a first phase programme of work to enhance the natural landscape at Birling Estate.	£4,975	£4,975	16/01/2023	28/02/2023
KD 053 IS	Bees and Refugees	Otford	Renovation of the charity's leased farm, which will serve as a hub for their beekeeping operation and community programming. Enhancement of land and biodiversity of the farm, development of accessibility and introduction of native black bee species in tangent with wildlife that fosters habitat connectivity. Facilitating outdoor therapy and opportunities for volunteering within the community.	£46,975.54	£73,075.54	01/02/2023	01/02/2024
KD 054 IS	Produced in Kent	East Kent	Setting up a gleaning group in partnership with the University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church and East Kent College, helping farms in Kent Downs AONB redistribute surplus to businesses, charities and community groups in the Canterbury area using the Food Loop app.	£20,107.47	£72,762.47	01/03/2023	28/02/2024
KD 055 IS	ShivaNova Ltd	Postling	Farming project for the Nepalese community involving growing vegetables organically, and learning more about farming on land close to where they live.	£4,964.45	£9,314.45	15/01/2023	15/03/2023
KD 056 TO	Andy Wicken Agri	Hastingleigh	Third season of work to build on progress made in the establishment of a Duke of Burgundy butterfly colony following 3 sightings in May 2022.	£2,016	£2,016	01/01/2023	31/03/2023
KD 057 IS	John Dinnis & Partners	Shoreham	Purchase of 15 no fence grazing cattle e-collars to enable grazing of high value chalk grassland and riparian environments allowing the development of flora and enhancing animal welfare.	£3,696	£4,595	01/01/2023	31/03/2023
KD 058 IS	National Trust, Ightham Mote	Ightham	Engagement of an external consultant to develop a management plan for the benefit of the National Trust itself and its tenant farmer, improving landowner/tenant liaison and potentially acting a model for future NT landowner/tenant working.	£3,766.60	£3,766.60	12/02/2023	28/02/2023
KD 060 TO	Stour Fishery and Conservation Association	Catchment of Rivers Stour and Darent	Deployment and management of smart mink rafts with the objective of eradicating mink and thereby enhancing the survival of native species such as water voles, king fisher, sand martins, amphibians and fish.	£2,700	£2,700	02/02/2023	30/04/2023

KD 061 IS	Kent Country Parks	Lullingstone, Shorne, Brockhill and Trosley Country Parks	Provision of Landscape Discovery Boxes, an alternative to ranger-led school sessions, containing everything a school teacher needs to lead their own informed activity through the park, significantly lowering the cost of visits for schools.	£4,795.67	£4,795.67	06/03/2023	17/03/2023
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